

RECEIVED

AUG 23 2001



TECH CENTER 1600/2900

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) Houthoff et al. Examiner: Sisson, B.
Serial No.: 09/402,707 Group Art Unit: 1655
Confirmation No.: Unassigned Docket: 570-28 PCT/USA
Filed: October 8, 1999 Dated: August 17, 2001
For: METHODS FOR LABELING
NUCLEOTIDES, LABELED
NUCLEOTIDES AND USEFUL
INTERMEDIATES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

*I hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with
the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid
in an envelope, addressed to:*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

20231 on August 17, 2001

Dated: 8/17/01

[Signature]

17/C
B. Webb
8/25/01
ENTERED
9/10/01
9/10/01
B.F.B.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the amendment dated July 23, 2001, and in response to the advisory
action dated August 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 23, 30, 32, 34 and 35 as follows:

23. (Amended) A method for labeling a nucleotide comprising:

providing a spacer means, a spacer reactive moiety at one end of the spacer
means, and an electron donating moiety at the other end of the spacer means, wherein
the spacer reactive moiety is capable of coupling the spacer means to a label when the
spacer reactive moiety is reacted with the label;

Rule 1.26